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issues will arise which will not set right with us, but we're afraid to say anything. And what are we afraid of? Somebody is going to frown at you? Well, fine, don't do it. Don't say it. But I'm looking at a process. And I'm not going to be in this Legislature forever. To some people, six years may seem like forever if I decide to run again. But while I'm here, each day may be my last. And when I see something happens that I think is skewing the system and the process, I have to say something about it. And when I think there are a lot of aye votes, then a lot of no votes, I don't think the Chair, before anybody can react, should say the bill is advanced, and nobody hears it. Nobody hears it except those who are right up there in front of him and he's not saying it for their benefit. Things said from up there are being said for our benefit and for the benefit of the record. Otherwise, whoever in the Chair can whisper and nobody need hear it. It need not be audible to anybody. I haven't been this provoked in a long time and some people say I'm overly sensitive and I react when I shouldn't. Well, that's tough. That's the way that I am put together and that's the way I'm going to function. You know what I could do? I could make it very hard for us this evening to do what is to be done. If there are no motions up there, I can make motions. The Speaker doesn't have a right to stop motions from being made. The Speaker has a right to determine the order in which motions are taken up. And I'm not the one you all want to provoke, and what I mean by that is not that you cannot vote contrary to the way that I vote. I'm looking at the system. And if nobody saw any problem with what happened, then it's appropriate that I be the only one to address it because I'm the one who saw the problem. And maybe what I need to do to get along is to put blinders over my eyes so that I don't see anything, but that's not what I'm going to do. I'm going to see, I'm going to hear, and I'm going to speak. And now that I've unburdened my soul, perhaps at some point tonight I can go to sleep and rest in peace and awaken in the morning. But if I don't, I won't have something bearing down on me that I felt I ought to have spoken about but chose not to. You all can get away with...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...not addressing issues and tell me or